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**TO:** North Dakota School Administrators and Nurses

**FROM:** Amy Schwartz  
Immunization Surveillance Coordinator

**RE:** 2014 – 2015 School Immunization Survey

**DATE:** October 1, 2014

North Dakota Administrative Code (33-06-05) requires schools to complete the 2014 – 2015 School Immunization Survey online on the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Immunization Program website at [www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/schools/survey.aspx](http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/schools/survey.aspx). The survey must be submitted online no later than **November 14, 2014**. If you would like a copy of your school's survey, remember to print the survey after submitting it online. Instructions on how to submit the survey are attached.

The most significant change to the school immunization requirements this year is that Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) and MCV4 (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) are required for seventh grade entry. In the past, Tdap and MCV4 were required for middle school entry, which varied by school district. A copy of the 2014 – 2015 School Immunization Requirements attached.

North Dakota Century Code 23-01-17 and Administrative Rules 33-06-05 state that it is the school's responsibility to enforce the immunization requirements. Parents of students who are not up-to-date with required immunizations should be notified of what immunizations their children are behind on. The parents then have 30 days to comply with the required immunizations or the child should be excluded. Parents should also be contacted for those students who do not have an immunization record on file and the child should be excluded. Please note that any homeschoolers residing in your jurisdiction should be included in the survey.

Two new webinars for schools are available at [www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/schools-ChildCare](http://www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/schools-ChildCare). One webinar provides instructions about how to complete the school survey. The other webinar discusses the importance of immunizations for schools.

Schools may have access to the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS), the statewide immunization registry, to view immunization records. If your school is interested in having access, please visit [www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/NDIIS](http://www.ndhealth.gov/immunize/NDIIS).

Please contact the NDDoH Immunization Program at 701.328.2335 or toll-free at 800.472.2180 with any questions or concerns regarding the school immunization survey.

Enclosures

cc: Local public health units